(2) Result oriented supervision is carried out and drug standardization work done by Research councils in consultation with the Pharmacopoeia committee is monitored by fixing clear areas responsibility so that efforts are not duplicated and resources not wasted.

(3) Suitable penal measures are introduced and enforced so that the drug manufacturing units strictly adhere to GMP's.

(b) Based on the information received from 14 States, there are 3973 Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) complying units out of 7849 Ayurveda, Siddha & Unani Drug Manufacturing units.

(c) Standards of Ayurveda Medicines are published in the official Pharmacopoeias. 4 Volumes of Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeias containing 326 monographs on the standards of single drugs have been published. 5th Volume containing 92 single drugs is under publication. Unani Pharmacopoeia containing 45 single drugs have also been published.

(d) Under a Central Sector Schem 15 Laboratories are working to develop standards of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani compound formulations. Standard Operative Procedure (SOP), and Quality Standards of 100 compound formulations have been developed, data is being examined by the experts. This is an on going activity. Another 100 Ayurveda,Siddha-Unani formulations have been allocated to these laboratories.

Clinical trial of Exubera

2511. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pfizer has applied for conducting clinical trail of Exubera, inhaler insulin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pfizer has shown any interest to produce Exubera in India; and

(d) if so, by when the drugs will be available in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) No

application has, as yet, been received from M/s. Pfizer India for conducting clinical trails with Exubera (inhaler Insulin).

Free medicines to TB patients

2512. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would issue advertisements to inform the public that Government do not provide medicines free of cost to TB patients who are below the poverty line;

(b) whether it is a fact that hospitals catering to TB patients like the L.R. Hospital in Delhi do not supply free TB medicines to poor patients;

(c) if so, what steps would be undertaken by Government to ensure that only accurate and correct policies and programmes are publicized through advertisements; and

(d) the steps proposed to review all advertisements being issued by Government, which contains inaccuracies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Under the National TB Control Programme, diagnostic and treatment facilities including supply of anti-TB drugs for full course of treatment are provided free of cost to all TB patients irrespective of economic status in the entire country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Ban on gutkha and pan masala

2513. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States that have represented Government to put a ban on the manufacture, sale and export of gutkha and pan masala in the country during the last three years;

(b) the decision taken by Government in the matter; and